

APPENDIX 1

Changes to the title and paragraphs 0001 and 0002 on page 1 of the specification:

**[PROTECTIVE HELMET AND ITS MEANS FOR CONNECTING AN
ACCESSORY]**

**--PROTECTIVE HELMET AND SYSTEM FOR CONNECTING AN
ACCESSORY TO THE HELMET--**

--CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS--

[0001.1] The present application is a National Stage Application of International Application No. PCT/FR01/01554, filed May 21, 2001. Further, the present application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 of French Patent Application No. 0006869 filed on May 22, 2000.

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--

1. Field of the Invention--

[0001.2] The present invention relates to an improvement to a protective helmet, and more particularly its [means] system for connecting an accessory such as a support, for example, for a night-vision device or the like, or even a protective screen.

--2. Discussion of Background Information--

[0002] Protective helmets are already known, which are used in various fields and worn by various users such as cyclists, motorcyclists, firefighters, skiers and others, such as aircraft or helicopter pilots. All of the currently available helmets, irrespective of their use, include a generally spherical rigid outer shell, having a facial opening, and whose cavity thus formed includes protective and comfort padding elements adapted to nest the user's head. Furthermore, the helmet is conventionally held on the user's head by a flexible chin strap fixed to the lateral portions of the helmet.